

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

Hawke called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Vaccaro, and Brink present.

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Interview Part-time Police Patrol Officer.

**3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation) – Detective Bureau Assignments. **3-0 yes**

Upon return from Executive Session at 5:02 p.m, Hawke called the General Session to order with all department heads present except Poindexter who was on vacation. He requested that all cell phones be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Speaks** – None

#### **ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 A**

Rob Rowland as President of the Lloyd Seifer FOP Lodge #206 presented the Trustees and Police Department with a pet chip scanner.

Walters asked how many people had their pets chipped.

Mr. Rowland said they didn't have numbers but in talking to several vets and found that some animals are chipped but are not registered with the company that made the chip so the owners cannot always be found. He explained that this is a universal world scan chip reader which they hope will reunite more pets and owners.

A lady asked how to get a chip. M. Rowland said usually from the vet.

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to accept a donation of a Pet Chip Reader from the Lloyd Seifer FOP Lodge #206 valued at \$375.00. **3-0 yes**

## **Police Department**

### **RESOLUTION 17-117, ATTACHED**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion whereas, Resolution No. 17-082 is incorporated herein, and Matthew J. Rouse has successfully completed the background check, negative drug screen, and other testing requirements.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to ORC Section 505.49 and 509.01, Matthew J. Rouse is hereby employed and appointed as a Part-time Patrol Officer and Township Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio, effective September 30, 2017 at 0001 hours at the Part-time Patrol Officer rate of \$17.000 per hour. **3-0 yes**

Hawke administered the oath of office.

### **RESOLUTION 17-118, ATTACHED**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF OATH FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby accept the attached oath of office for Matthew J. Rouse, Part-time Patrol Officer and Township Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio, effective September 30, 2017 at 0001 hours. **3-0 yes**

### **RESOLUTION 17-119, ATTACHED**

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion pursuant to ORC Section 505.49 and 509.01, we hereby appoint Jordan M. Starcher, as a Part-Time Patrol Officer and Township Constable for the Jackson Township Police District, Stark County, Ohio, conditioned upon providing proof of Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy certification, successful completion of the background check, negative drug screen and any other testing requirements. **3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$850.00 for the K9 Division to be used for a vest for the dog from Daniel and Brenda Lallathin. **3-0 yes**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$20.00 from Heinrich and Kathi Walz. **3-0 yes**

## **Administration Department**

### **RESOLUTION 17-120, ATTACHED**

#### **L.O.G.I.C. AMENDED AGREEMENT**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of our signatures upon the attached Amended Agreement with the Local Organized Governments in Cooperation (L.O.G.I.C.). **3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 17-121, ATTACHED  
DISPATCH SERVICES CONTRACTS (FIRE AND POLICE)**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of our signatures upon the attached Contracts for Dispatch Services for the Fire and Police Departments with the Local Organized Governments in Cooperation (L.O.G.I.C.). **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 B**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adopt and authorize the placement of the Board President's signature upon the attached Health Benefit Plan Amendment, as recommended by the Health Care Cost Containment Committee, effective May 1, 2017. **3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 17-122, ATTACHED  
DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.101(A) permits the Jackson Township Board of Trustees to adopt by resolution a list of personal property that is not needed for public use, or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired, and to discard the personal property that has no value and;

Be it resolved, and pursuant to, Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10(A)(7), the Board of Jackson Township Trustees hereby finds the attached list of Dell Servers that are no longer needed for the use it was originally acquired, said equipment has no value and is unfit for use, and authorizes the discarding the items listed. **3-0 yes**

**Public Works Department**

Highway Division

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 C**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve Budget Module No. 2017-36 for Tree Removal in the amount of \$10,000.00 to remove 36 trees throughout the Township. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 D**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 204.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 204.310.5558, Drainage Supplies, in the amount of \$10,000.00. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 E**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 203.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 203.310.5607, Curbing, in the amount of \$7,105.00. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 F**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 204.310.5387, Discretionary, to account code 204.310.5458, Other Professional Services in the amount of \$5,000.00. **3-0 yes**

**RESOLUTION 17-123, ATTACHED  
SOUTH PARK DRIVE NW STOP SIGN**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of a stop sign at the southwest parking area in South Park to stop northeast bound at South Park Drive NW per the attached Road Establishment. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 G**

Boger explained that he spoke with David Held with the Joint Solid Waste District. He said the Joint Solid Waste District controls the disposal at the drop off site. He said they are proposing to close the site on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Pizzino said he was at the meeting and reminded everyone that the Joint Solid Waste District is under no obligation to pick up at the drop off site. He said they want to keep it but because of the cost which was budgeted at \$250,000.00 and has now increased to over \$300,000.00 which doesn't include the Township's cost of around \$70,000.00 to load and handle the material. He said they would like to control the drop off sites better and try to get commercial people to drop their material where they should instead of the Township's dropoff. He said the cut in hours would help but it is also a safety issue because 93% of the accidents involving solid waste trucks and equipment happens in the yard. He said they are looking at putting a fence up and change the times it is open but still not interfere with the busiest usage times of Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Walters pointed out that this doesn't go into effect until January 2018.

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 H**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Chad Bailey. **3-0 yes**

**Fire Department**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 I**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve Budget Module No. 17-14 for Breathing Air Packs and Face Pieces in the amount of \$351,978.00. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 J**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 210.210.5220, Hospitalization Ins., to account code 210.210.5652, Inventoried Equipment, in the amount of \$351,978.00. **3-0 yes**

**ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 K**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 210.210.5385, Other Expense, to account code 210.210.5526, Fuel – Gasoline, in the amount of \$1,500.00. **3-0 yes**

Gonzalez thanked Chief Hogue and the Fire Department for getting the grant for the air pack and face pieces. He pointed out that they have received about ¾ of a million dollars in grants this year. He said a FEMA grant was received for radios and several other grants have been awarded.

## **Zoning & Planning Department**

### **ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 L**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to set a public hearing on October 24, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., for a nuisance violation at 3443 Malabu Avenue N.W. **3-0 yes**

## **Fiscal Office**

### **ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 M**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$695,335.67. **3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 N**

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Board of Trustees' meeting. **3-0 yes**

### **ATTACHMENT 09/26/17 O**

Gonzalez told the Board that the audits for 2015 and 2016 have been completed. He said that Jackson Township is a substantial audit for the auditors because of the budget of around \$45,000,000.00 per year. He said he was happy to report that there were no findings at all for either year. He said he would like to commend the Board of Trustees on the job they do fiscally to get what we do for the forty-five million dollars.

Hawke thanked him and his office for all the work you do.

Gonzalez said the audit is online at the Township website.

## **Routine Business**

### **Announcements**

- Next regular Board of Trustees' meeting, October 10, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- CIC, October 19, 2017, 8:00 a.m., Township Hall.
- LOGIC, October 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Safety Center Chiefs' Conference Room.
- Jackson Recycling Board, October 25, 2017, 11:00 a.m., Buehler's Community Room.
- Zoning Meetings:
  - Board of Zoning Appeals
    - September 28, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Jackson Township Administration Building.

- October 12, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Jackson Township Administration Building.
- Zoning Commission – None scheduled.
- Farmers Market, Thursdays through October 5, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

## **Old Business**

### **ATTACHMENT 09/27/17 P**

#### Jackson Library Branch

Hawke asked if anyone had questions.

Cathy Suffecool, 7518 Fawn Dr., North Canton, said she didn't know how many people had been on the 'Save Our Library' site and said it's very disturbing. She said they talked about money that could have been spent to repair the library. She said now they are looking at having to rebuild. She asked what steps the Trustees are taking to get it implemented. She asked if there was anything the residents could do to back the Trustees.

Hawke said the community has done a lot by voicing their opinion, making their comments known to the Library Board and the director. He said as a Board they are in favor of rebuilding. He said the Library Board meeting is on Wednesday night and he will be attending and Mr. Gonzalez as well. He said they have made their recommendation known. He said "this is one of those situations where our role is and whose role that and whose attitude that this is something we believe in for the Township, we think it's there, it comes out of the decision by their Board members". He said he has spoken with the Director and that he believes the message has been perceived. He said he doesn't know what will happen, that they will have to make their decision.

Ms. Suffecool asked if they decided in a negative way for the community to go forward.

Walters said there are always opportunities that could be looked into to provide the community with what they are looking for. He said he is cautiously optimistic that the Board will be responsive. He said the community has done a tremendous job in rallying and coming together to express a strong desire that the County Library keep its word and do what they said they would do. He said they have been actively engaged with library representatives for over a year to move the project forward.

Nancy Adams said she has been a resident of Jackson Township for 65 years, has paid taxes for 65 years and their children graduated from Jackson and received an excellent education. She asked if there was any recourse if the Library Board goes in a direction they don't want. She said she has already joined the Green library because she uses the library a lot and she refuses to use the current one. She said she is handicapped and it is difficult for her to get into the current location. She said she feels frustrated.

Hawke said that under current State law there is no way they could start their own or change those type of things so it would take a law change to make it happen. He said it's not an impossibility, it happens every day. He said it could be tough because the State is trying to create cooperation not pull things back. He said the recourse would be to contact the agencies that appoint the Library Board. He said that in one of the comments he made was "no matter what they heard or wanted to hear in the community, good, bad or indifferent from either side, defensive, not defensive, aggressive, not aggressive, what was heard, loud and clear, in my opinion, is that the passion that this community has for the library and in their library".

Ms. Adams said she isn't blaming them for anything since she has been at every meeting and they also have been there. She thanked the Board for what they are doing.

Ms. Adams asked if there will come a time that they are shown true figures.

Hawke said there will have to be.

Walters said it is all public information.

Gonzalez said he is really proud of the community. He said if you look at the good that comes out of bad, this is evidence of that. He 'thinks because of the website and the work that the community has done, going to the meetings and posting on the website, the messages that were sent and particularly the Township poll that was done, it was astonishing how much people liked their library'. He said he thinks that the community has put themselves in a good position and anything further might hinder the progress made to this point. He said they will be ready to go if something bad happens but he said he agrees with the Trustees that they are in a good position and that we will get our library back and back where they want it.

Hawke said the timing is part of the frustration. He said how long between their meeting and what the community meetings were. He said if Tena had had her way, they probably would have met sooner. He pointed out that the library board can't answer until they have a board meeting and they are all together in public to answer that question.

Ms. Adams said the rumors keep multiplying. She said when you read it you wonder what the truth is.

Gonzalez said he 'thinks they are in a position where they want to get back to working with their board'. He said if you think about the way things went, the Library board's decision was to rebuild but what happened was a recommendation came in in the middle of that. He said some of the people like the 'Smart Store'. He said his son went in the first time and thought it was pretty good but the second time he went, he took his children and came back furious. He said "if the director is getting a lot of feedback from people going in and it's good and the recommendation came out of that feedback, so be it, again, the good that came out of it is people like you here tonight. Do you know how many times this room is completely empty and the fact that you are sitting here tonight shows what an important decision this is. He thanked them all for attending.

Ms. Adams said how many people make their meetings at 8 or 10 in the morning. She said she and her husband has managed to go every one. She said they utilize the library so much.

Pizzino said they have to give the board a chance to vote. He said two things come out of this, one is that Mr. Gonzalez has worked very hard on this for the last year and it seemed everything was pointing to the fact that the library would be rebuilt, then when it started going the other way, the community got involved and then the Township Trustees got involved and stated that this is what they want. He said the library board heard the Township Trustees and they heard the community.

Ms. Adams said she appreciates what the Trustees have done. She said this is a wonderful community, that they wouldn't have lived here for 65 years if it wasn't. She said it's a prosperous community and she couldn't imagine Jackson Township without a physical library building.

A man said the leadership they are receiving from the Trustees and staff is just admirable. He said there is always room for improvement. He read Randy's last post on the Save the Library site 'Rest assured, Elizabeth, the Township law director is studying every option the Township has along with other applicable laws. Although I still feel confident, the SCLD knows more clearly than ever how residents feel and they will affirm the original plan, meaning the recommendation in front of them will be rejected. Hopefully, all good ideas can be incorporated into a new library and the strong partnership we have had towards cost saving, shared services and providing our residents the quality library they have become accustomed to will continue''.

As angry as some of us are, as frustrated and everything else, at the end of the day, our representatives of the State of Ohio I've talked to (indecipherable). We're going to encourage cooperation. If we attack the folks we disagree with it's going to be harder to cooperate regardless of how wrong we think they are''. He said it was hard for some of them to bite their tongues, but their leadership and the tone is wonderful for the community. He asked if anyone would be at the meeting tomorrow.

Gonzalez said he and Todd would be there.

Walters said they are cautiously optimistic and that the message had been received.

The man asked if they have had any contact with any of the Board members.

Hawke said he has talked with Ms. Wilson and he said he thought that with the information and comments she has received about how people feel and. . .

The man said there has been some contacts.

Hawke said yes, he said they had a conversation and he told her that he and Mr. Gonzalez would be at the meeting. He said he told Ms. Wilson that they are not here to create problems, they are here to work with them and build the buildings and put the library together, to do what they feel is appropriate based on what the residents are telling them.

The man asked if the intention a year ago was to rebuild wouldn't there have been a building committee, plans in process.

Walters said they couldn't get into the library board's process and how they are doing things.

The man said that would be normal. He asked if there was evidence of that plan.

Gonzalez said their architect met with the Township architect and the site location was chosen. He said there was a public meeting held at the Township Hall with the library, the school, the YMCA and Stark Parks. He said there are a lot of things that shared services can save including a lot of money. He said "But if we're going to redo that whole section of the park, honestly, I think all our goal is not just to get our library back, but to get it back better than it was. He said there are some good ideas that came out that could be incorporated into a new one. He said they want to get the old things that we had back, too. He said when you start running water and sewer lines, there is no reason for other governments to be paying for it individually when the cost should be shared.

The man said he didn't care for the original building. He said he had issues with that 25 years ago and that he had questions about the design. He pointed out that the trustees are projecting the attitude that this isn't just a library, it's the center of the community.

Gonzalez said it was nice to hear him say the center of the community. He said Ms. Adams mentioned that her husband went in just to read the newspaper. He said that's exactly what they're trying to accomplish. He said they are trying to focus more on that, it's supposed to be a place for everyone from a five year old to a hundred year old. He said everyone should be able to go to that park and have something to do.

Nancy Hope, 8283 Fulton Drive, said this is her third Jackson Township meeting in her life and she is so proud of the Trustees. She said they have done a wonderful job and she is proud to be a Jackson person. She said she grew up in Perry so her little heart is in Perry but her children went to Jackson and got a good education. She said her children were around six and seven when the building was built and they loved the programs.

Hawke said they should have some information tomorrow one way or the other. He said he and Ms. Wilson has had a nice discussion. He said he has known a number of the library board members for many years and they are good people.

**New Business** – none

### **Public Speaks – Open Forum**

Someone asked if there was a charge to drop yard waste off at the drop off site.

Hawke said there is no charge to the residents to drop things off. He said where the cost comes in is hauling the material away to be recycled. He said the Joint Solid Waste District uses their funds from the State and other revenues to do some grants and to pay for hauling and disposal. He said

Jackson Township alone costs around \$74,000.00. He said it gets a lot of use. He explained that the Township has expenses in maintaining the loader and providing an employee to operate the loader.

She suggested charging people to drop off to help offset some of the cost.

Hawke said the company that hauls it away charges around \$100.00 for the smaller containers. He said it's not an inexpensive piece because they have to take that material and shred it and put it in specific places where they can get rid of it or sell it.

Walters said fortunately, neither the Township or the Waste District is in need of looking at charging people yet.

Gonzalez said they tried it years ago. He said his father used to hate that because he said he had to pay them to drop it off and then had to buy it back from them as mulch. He said the Township bought a mulching machine and used the mulch in the parks but it didn't work out financially,

Hawke moved and Walters seconded a motion to adjourn.

**3-0 yes**

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**Todd Hawke**

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**Randy Gonzalez**